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The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd Chief Clerk **South Carolina Public Service Commission** Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Application of Lightower Fiber Networks II, LLC for a Certificate of Public

Convenience and Necessity to Provide Resold and Facilities-Based Local

Exchange and Interexchange (Including Exchange Access)

Telecommunications Services in the State of South Carolina, and for

Alternative and Flexible Regulation

Docket No. 2016-404-C

Dear Jocelyn:

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-3-225(e) I am writing on behalf of Lightower Fiber Networks II, LLC to request that the Commission allow the company to withdraw, *without prejudice*, its application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

Because the Commission is not scheduled to meet again until after Direct Testimony for the ORS and SCTC is due (January 18<sup>th</sup>), I also request that the Hearing Examiner suspend the remaining prefiling deadlines if necessary pending a Commission decision on the above request.

I have discussed these matters with counsel for South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") and counsel for the South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC"), and the ORS and SCTC do not object to this request.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

s/ John J. Pringle, Jr.John J. Pringle, Jr.

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cc: all parties of record (via electronic mail service)
David Stark, Esquire (via electronic mail service